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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO INDIA

REF: STATE 236358 (TOSEC 198)

FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. IT NOW DEVELOPS, TO MY DISMAY, THAT WE WERE MISINFORMED ABOUT REPORTED UNION CARBIDE APPLICATION FOR AEC APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF DISTILLATION TRAYS TO INDIA. WE WERE WRONG ON THAT POINT BECAUSE SOME RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS TO WHOM WE SPOKE, LIKE FRIEDMAN, WHO HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE IN POSSESSION OF FACTS, ACTUALLY TURNED OUT NOT TO BE UP TO DATE ON WHAT WAS GOING ON ELSEWHERE IN AEC. UNION CARBIDE HAS IN FACT SUBMITTED APPLICATION TO AEC.

2. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT REFTEL WAS CORRECT REPEAT CORRECT ON MAIN SUBSTANTIVE POINT, NAMELY
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THAT COMMISSIONERS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ONE WAY OR OTHER

ON WHAT ACTION TO TAKE ON THIS MATTER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUBJECT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM SHORTLY FOR DETERMINATION.

3. AS NOTED REFTTEL, AEC WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH SUBMIT.

IF THE SECRETARY HAS A CLEAR PREFERENCE ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT, IT WILL DOUBTLESS WEIGH VERY HEAVILY WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

4. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS MATTER CAME UP DURING DELHI DISCUSSIONS. UNDERSTAND FROM TELECON THIS AFTERNOON WITH SCHNEIDER THAT INDIANS WERE INFORMED IN BOMBAY THAT PROPOSED UNION CARBIDE EXPORT HAS NOT BEEN TURNED DOWN BY USAEC. AT THIS POINT IT WOULD BE USEFUL HERE TO HAVE ANY GUIDANCE FROM YOU ON FURTHER HANDLING OF THE UNION CARBIDE MATTER, FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON NUCLEAR MATTERS IN DELHI. INGERSOLL

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